House Resolution No. 546

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the important role which this state's public schools have played in the educational development of countless young Missouri citizens; and

Whereas, Festus Senior High School in the Festus R-VI School District in Festus, Missouri, has been selected as a Gold Star School for 2001-2002 by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

Whereas, Festus Senior High School will be honored as a Gold Star School during the Gold Star Schools Forum to be held March 13, 2002, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, one of nine schools chosen for the prestigious Gold Star Award, Festus Senior High School joins an elite group of schools striving and succeeding in providing young people with a high-quality, high-performance education that will prepare them for the challenges of tomorrow; and

Whereas, a Gold Star School is one that has been judged particularly effective in meeting local and state goals and displays award criteria which include offering challenging standards and curriculum, teaching, active learning and learning-centered school contexts, as well as objective "indicators of success" based upon student performance, daily student and teacher attendance rates, and school, staff, and student awards; and

Whereas, established in 1991, the Gold Star Schools program is sponsored by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and is supported by State Farm Insurance Companies; and

Whereas, Festus Senior High School could not have attained Gold Star School status without the unparalleled leadership of Principal Gregory M. Roman and an exceptional teaching staff that has continually instilled within all students the desire to realize their full potential:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Principal Roman and to the 759 students and each faculty member at Festus Senior High School at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Festus Senior High School in Festus, Missouri.

Offered by ____

Representative Mark C. Abel District No. 103

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 546, adopted March 4, 2002. $\verb|\LR1\SYS\HLR\HRES\PDF\0895C.01.PDF| \\$